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What can you do?



Ask your health care provider or pharmacist if they take back used needles, lancets and syringes.



Take your used needles and lancets to a Household Hazardous Waste collection facility near you.
(Visit www.wastefreesd.org for locations).



Consider using a "Mail-Back" service for proper disposal. For a list of mail-back service companies, visit www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/medicalwaste (fees apply).

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